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California State Indian Museum Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair November 24th & 25th, 2006 10am - 4pm

Sacramento – Join us as we present our annual **California Indian Arts and Craft Show**. Talented artisans from all over California will be selling their wonderful items at this “just in time for Christmas show.” You can find baskets, pottery, artwork, beaded and silver jewelry, Christmas ornaments, dolls, elk horn carvings, drums, hand painted/ beaded gourds, and many more lovely handcrafted treasures.

Who: California State Parks

Where: California State Indian Museum, 2618 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816
916-324-0971 (In the same park with Sutter's Fort State Historic Park.)

When: November 24th & 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: California State Parks and the Sacramento Historic Sites Association.

Admission: \$2.00 for adults, 16 and under free with an adult.

About the California State Indian Museum

The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the Sacramento Historic Sites Association. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at **2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**. The museum displays exhibits and artifacts illustrating the cultures of the state's earliest inhabitants, from the traditions of ancestors to the contemporary Native artists. As many as 300,000 to 1,000,000 Native Americans, consisting of as many as three hundred identified tribal groups speaking over one hundred seventy-five languages lived in California before the first European arrival occurred.

Artifacts on display in the museum include basketry, beadwork, clothing, and exhibits about the ongoing traditions of various California Native American groups. Current exhibits include one showing the effects of the Gold Rush on Native Californians, and another on Ishi, the last of the Yahi people. Ishi managed to remain hidden from western civilization until 1911, when a surveying crew stumbled upon his camp north of Oroville. Open daily, the museum hosts special events throughout the year. This year we are participating in Sacramento's Second Saturday Art Walks to present California Indian Artists to art enthusiasts and to allow free visits to the museum during those events. For more details please call **(916) 324-0971** or visit www.parks.ca.gov.